IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An oligoarylene derivative ~~represented by the following general formula (1) or (2):~~

~~$Ar^1-Ch-Ar^2$ (1)~~

~~wherein Ch is a substituted or unsubstituted chrysene, a substituted or unsubstituted triphenylene, or a substituted or unsubstituted perylene; and Ar^1 and Ar^2 are each a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 30 nuclear atoms and may be the same or different from each other, and~~

~~Ch^1-L-Ch^2 (2)~~

~~wherein L is a connecting group and is a single bond, a substituted or unsubstituted methylene, a substituted or unsubstituted ethylene, a substituted or unsubstituted dimethylmethylene, a substituted or unsubstituted diphenylmethylene, a substituted or unsubstituted lactone ring, or a substituted or unsubstituted peptide; and Ch^1 and Ch^2 are each a substituted or unsubstituted chrysene, a substituted or unsubstituted triphenylene, or a substituted or unsubstituted perylene and may be the same or different from each other~~, wherein the oligoarylene derivative is selected from the group consisting of the following compounds designated CH2, CH3, CH4, CH11, CH13, CH14, CH16, CH17, CH18, CH19, CH20, CH21, CH22, CH23, and CH24:

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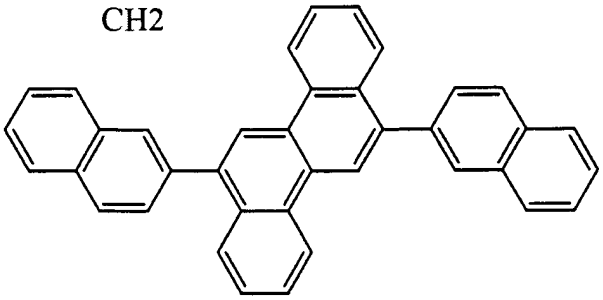

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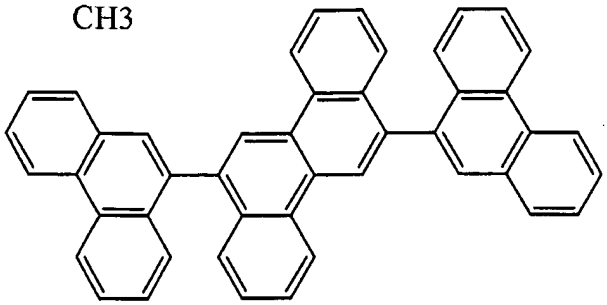

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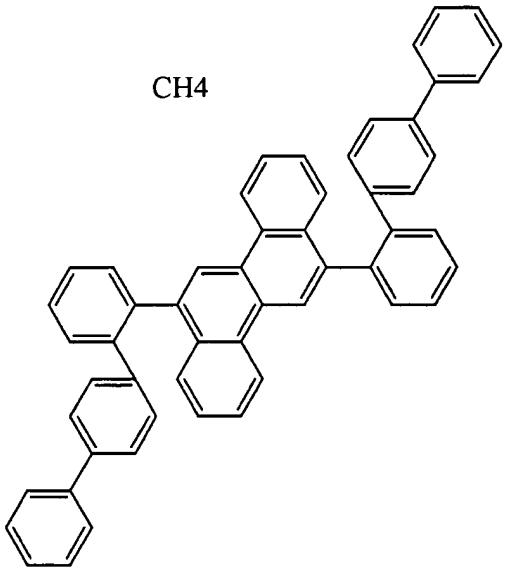

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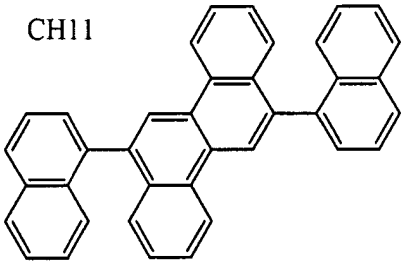

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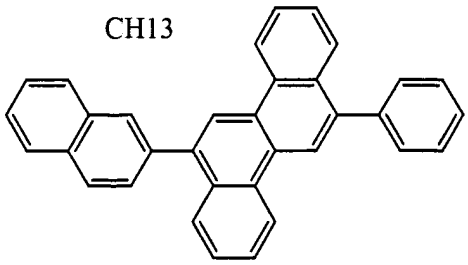

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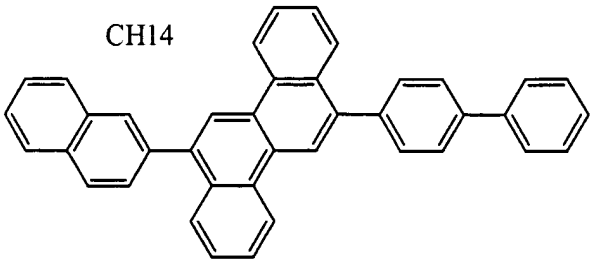

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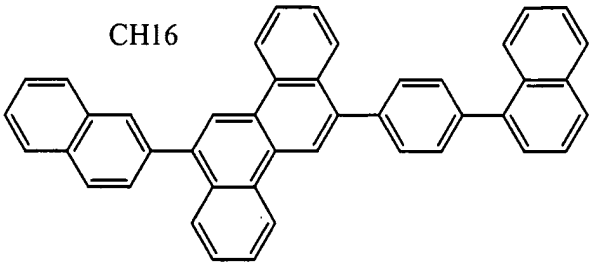

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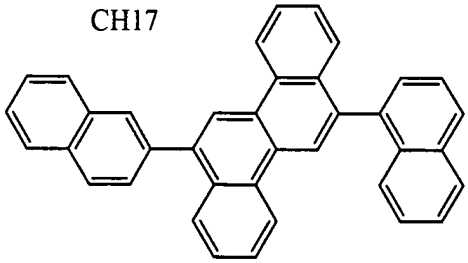

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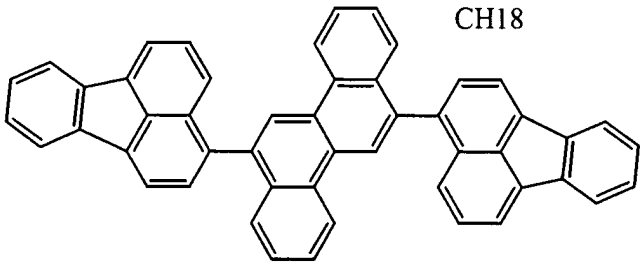

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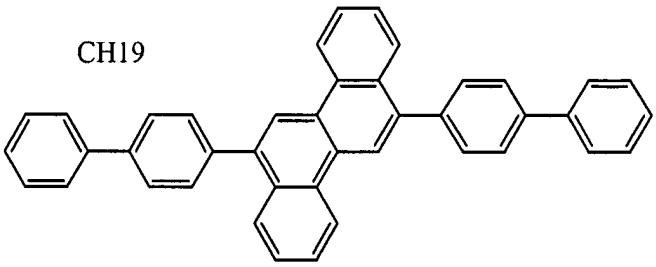

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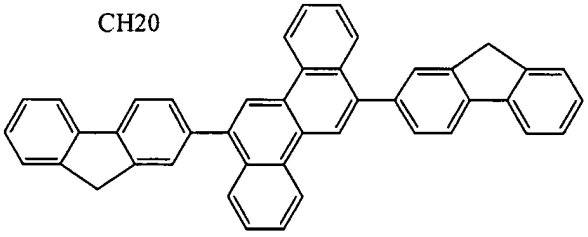

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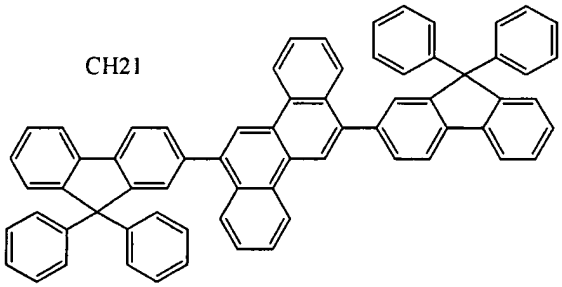

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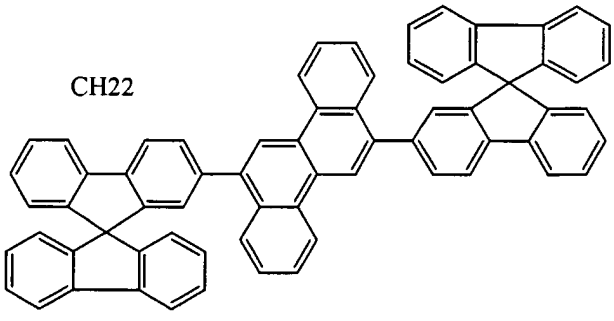

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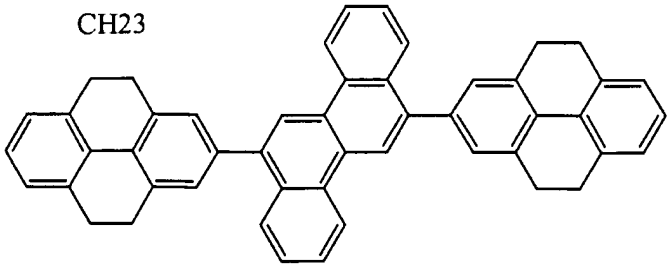

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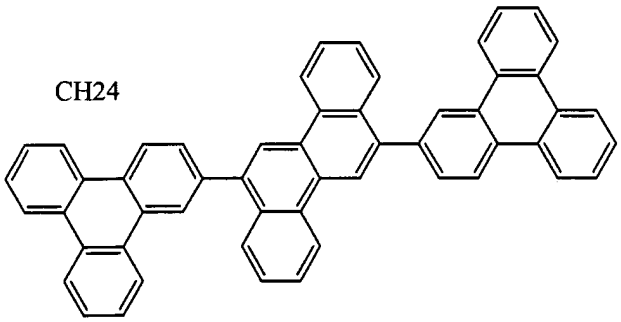

2. - 4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The oligoarylene derivative according to claim 1, wherein the oligoarylene derivative is ~~used as~~ a luminescent material for organic electroluminescent devices.

6. (Currently Amended) The oligoarylene derivative according to claim 1, wherein the oligoarylene derivative is ~~used as~~ a hole transport material for organic electroluminescent devices.

7. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode, and an organic thin film layer sandwiched between the cathode and the anode,

said organic thin film layer ~~which is constituted of~~ comprising a single layer or a plurality of layers ~~including~~ which includes at least one luminescent layer, wherein at least one layer of the organic thin film layer contains the oligoarylene derivative ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1 ~~as a single component or a component of a mixture~~.

8. (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the luminescent layer contains the oligoarylene derivative.

9. (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the luminescent layer mainly contains the oligoarylene derivative.

10. (Original) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the luminescent layer further contains an arylamine compound.

11. (Original) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the luminescent layer further contains an styrylamine compound.

12. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the organic thin film layer ~~has~~ comprises a hole transport layer containing the oligoarylene derivative ~~as a single component or a component of a mixture~~.

13. (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 12, wherein the hole transport layer mainly contains the oligoarylene derivative.

14. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the organic electroluminescent device ~~emits~~ is capable of emitting a blue light.

15. (Canceled).